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- 1. Landeshauptmann Welssgatterer of Tyrol demies any association with the separatist movement in Tyrol. He adults having helped Dr. Blass obtain permission to visit South Tyrol, but merely so that Blass could procure wine for his Wer Invalids Association.
- 2. In South Tyrol, Blass spoke with the leaders of the Trentiner autonomous movement, including Caproni of the separatist movement. Assr, to whom he expounded his ideas of an autonomous Tyrol stretching from Ala to Kufstein within the Italian State. Caproni reported Blass' conversation to Dr. Vollger of the SVP (South Tyrolean People's Party), and added that the Trentiner had listened to Blass with the greatest interest and enthusiasm.
- 3. Blass also expounded his ideas to Drs. Vell ger and Ebner of the SVP. He violently attacked Gruber's foreign policy and stated that Tyrol wished to have nothing to do with Vienna, that his goal was an autonomous Tyrol as the basis of a new alpine state in Central Europe. Initially, he stated, it would probably be necessary to form this new state within the Italian State, but that he foresaw the day when it would break anaw from Italy and establish its independence.

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